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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time;
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,240.00 to cover the \$790.00 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee and \$450.00 two month extension of time fee;
- 4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
- 5. Declaration by Applicant Concerning the Deposit of a Biological Material; and
- 6. Return postcard.

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